

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:28-59 (PACS 9.27) Construction Date: 1934, circa 1935, circa 1945
Name: A. Richard and Hilda Lethbridge Property
Location: 17711-17717 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, Montgomery County

Private/Residence and Commercial/Occupied/Good/Yes:restricted

Description:

The A. Richard and Hilda Lethbridge Property, also known as Ashton Kennels, consists of two side-gable residences and a complex of kennel buildings on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue in Ashton, Montgomery County. The main building on the property is a 1½-story vernacular residence with Colonial Revival influences constructed in 1934. The second residential building on the property, a 1½-story side-gable vernacular building constructed circa 1935, has been converted into a kennel. Flanking the building are low 1-story wings of animal pens.

Significance:

A. Richard and Hilda Lethbridge purchased 1.6 hectares (4 acres) of land from Elizabeth Stabler in 1931. According to the Montgomery County Tax Records, they constructed a house on the property in 1934 (the main house at 17717 New Hampshire Avenue). Soon after, Claude and Lucille Williams purchased 2.4 hectares (6 acres) of land and constructed a house circa 1935. In 1942, the Williams began operating Ashton Kennels on the property and constructed buildings to house the animals circa 1945. In 1955, Claude and Lucille Williams purchased the house at 17717 New Hampshire to use as their main residence. When Lucille Williams died in December 1991 (Claude Williams died in 1976), the property transferred to Michael Babette, who continues to operate the kennel. The size of the parcel remains the combined 4 hectares (10 acres).

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 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic A. Richard and Hilda Lethbridge Property (preferred)

and/or common Babette Property

2. Location:

street & number 17711-17717 New Hampshire Avenue N/A not for publicationcity, town Ashton ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Michael I. Babette

street & number 17717 New Hampshire Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Ashton

state and zip code MD 20861

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 12455

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center

folio 103

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count:

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The A. Richard and Hilda Lethbridge Property, also known as Ashton Kennels, consists of two side-gable residences and a complex of kennel buildings on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue in Ashton, Montgomery County. The main building on the property is a 1½-story vernacular residence with Colonial Revival influences constructed in 1934. The second residential building on the property, a 1½-story side-gable vernacular building constructed circa 1935, has been converted into a kennel. Flanking the building are low 1-story wings of animal pens.

The main house (17717 New Hampshire Avenue) is of wood-frame construction with a concrete foundation, vinyl siding and an asphalt shingle roof. The roof has a shed roof dormer on both the front and rear elevations. The windows are wood 6/1 double-hung with vinyl shutters. A chimney covered with vinyl siding is located on the north gable end. The house has an enclosed rear porch, a 1-story flat roof section on the north elevation and a hipped roof entrance porch on the front elevation. The porch has two wood posts, a wood railing and a brick floor.

The second house (17711 New Hampshire Avenue) has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The roof has two shed roof dormers on the front elevation and a full-width shed roof dormer on the rear elevation. The building is of wood-frame construction with a concrete block foundation and asbestos shingle siding. An exterior brick chimney is located on the south gable end and the windows are wood 6/6 double-hung. The front elevation has a full-width screened shed roof porch supported by four posts. The rear elevation has a small screened shed roof porch.

Attached to the north and south gable ends of the second house are kennel wings of individual animal pens. The shed roof structures have window openings enclosed with plywood on the front elevation. The windows have wood shutters. The animal pens on the rear of the wings open into outdoor fenced-in areas. At the terminus of the north wing is a 1-story front-gable office building. The office has double glass doors and a canted bay with a hipped roof on the front elevation. On the rear of the building is an exterior brick chimney and 1-story shed roof addition. The interior of the office is divided into a waiting room, grooming and storage areas.

Just north of the office/kennel wing is another kennel building. The building has a central 1-story front-gable section flanked by shed roof wings of animal pens. Like the other kennel structures, this building has enclosed window openings with wood shutters on the front elevation and fenced-in outdoor compartments on the rear. Between this kennel structure and the office wing is an entrance into a large fenced yard.

Within the fenced yard are two outbuildings. The first outbuilding is a shed located east of the second residence and kennel wings. Constructed circa 1935, the 1-story shed has an asphalt shingle shed roof, vertical wood siding and a concrete foundation. The north elevation has a sliding wood door, while the east elevation has a wood panel door.

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The second outbuilding within the yard is a garage/storage building. The structure is two connected buildings, a side-gable storage building and a front-gable garage. Constructed circa 1935 and 1945, respectively, the buildings are concrete block and wood-frame with asphalt shingle roofs. The storage building has a brick chimney on the east gable end.

The main residence also has two outbuildings. The first building is a 2-car side-gable garage located east of the house. Constructed circa 1935, the garage has a concrete foundation and vinyl siding. A wood overhead door is located on the south elevation. To the east of the garage is a 1½-story shed building constructed circa 1935. The structure has a concrete foundation, vinyl siding and an asphalt shingle side-gable roof. The south elevation has two batten doors and an enclosed window on the first story. The loft level has a wall dormer with an opening enclosed with plywood.

The property is located on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue, with residential property to the north, forested land to the east and a residence converted to commercial use to the south.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1934, Circa 1935, Circa 1945 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The property is located in Ashton. The community of Ashton in northern Montgomery County was, until 1890, a part of neighboring Sandy Spring and shares that town's early Quaker roots. Ashton centers roughly on the intersection of MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) and MD 108 (Olney-Sandy Spring Road) where early Quaker farmers brought their produce to be weighed. The crossroads also attracted Caleb Stabler and Charlie Porter who opened a store around 1860 and named it Ashton. The actual significance of this name is uncertain. In 1889 Alvin G. Thomas, a Quaker, took over the Ashton store. This community commenced its official existence when it received a post office in 1890, taking its name from Stabler and Porter's store.

Twentieth century development in Ashton featured the community's rural character. In fact the first "development" in 1934 consisted of six "farmettes" complete with a small orchard and barn, and room for gardening and animals. Further developments undertaken since World War II, such as Ashton Pond and Ashmead, often took shape as planned communities under the supervision of local, as well as outside developers. Current county zoning, which requires lots of 2 hectares (5 acres), has helped preserve the rural nature of Ashton.

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The residential buildings on the A. Richard and Hilda Lethbridge are simple vernacular structures. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed between 1934 and 1945, the A. Richard and Hilda Lethbridge Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structures on the property are common building types which lack material and architectural integrity. The main residence is covered with vinyl siding and has an enclosed rear porch. The second structure has been altered by the kennel additions. The historic residential context of the property has been altered by the conversion of one residence to commercial use and through the construction of various kennel buildings. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments

Reviewer, OPS: Andrew Lewis

Date: 9/14/02

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 1/18/02

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:28-59(PACS 9.27)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Sandy Spring, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date May 1998

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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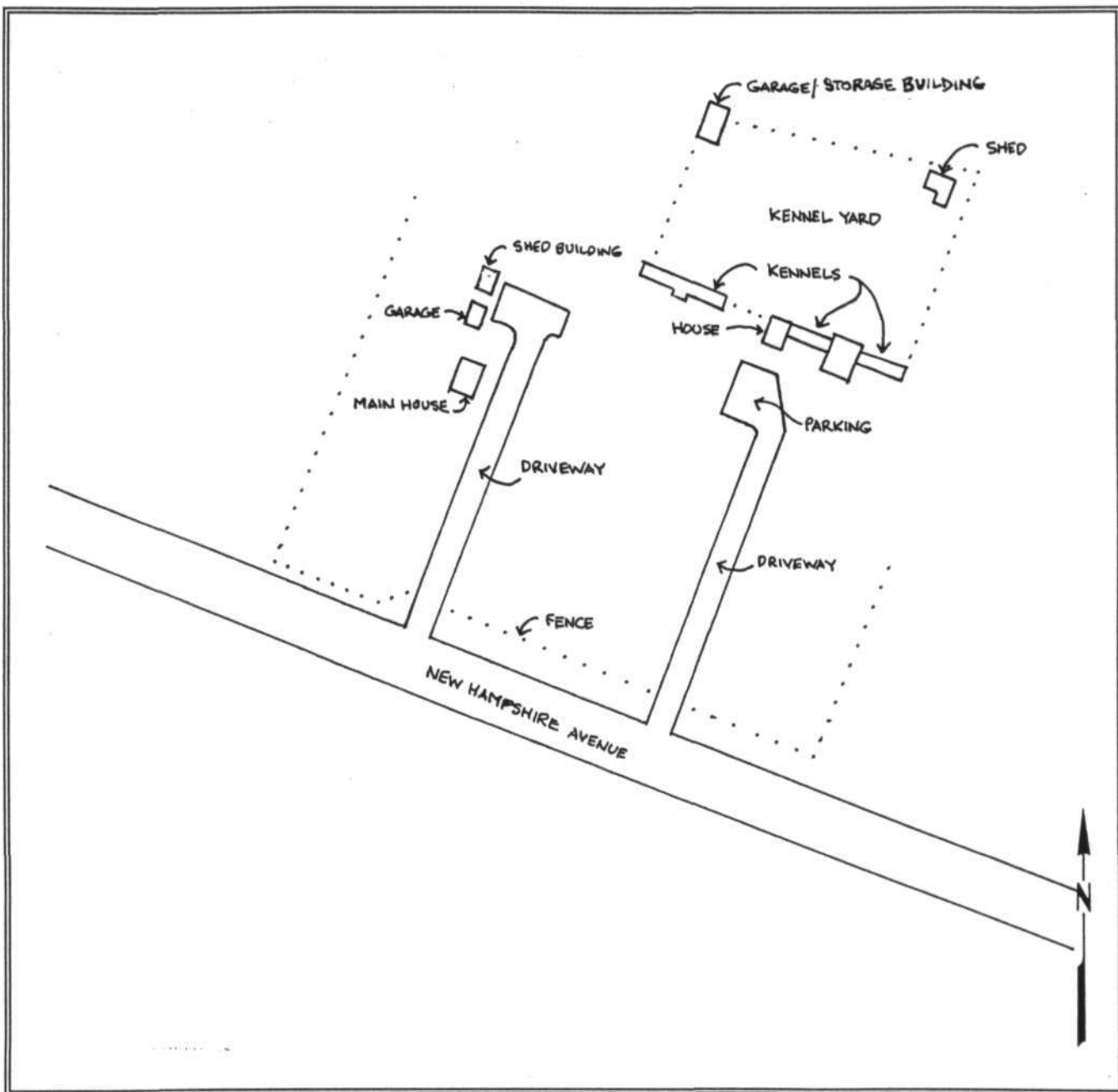
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture and Economic (Commercial)

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

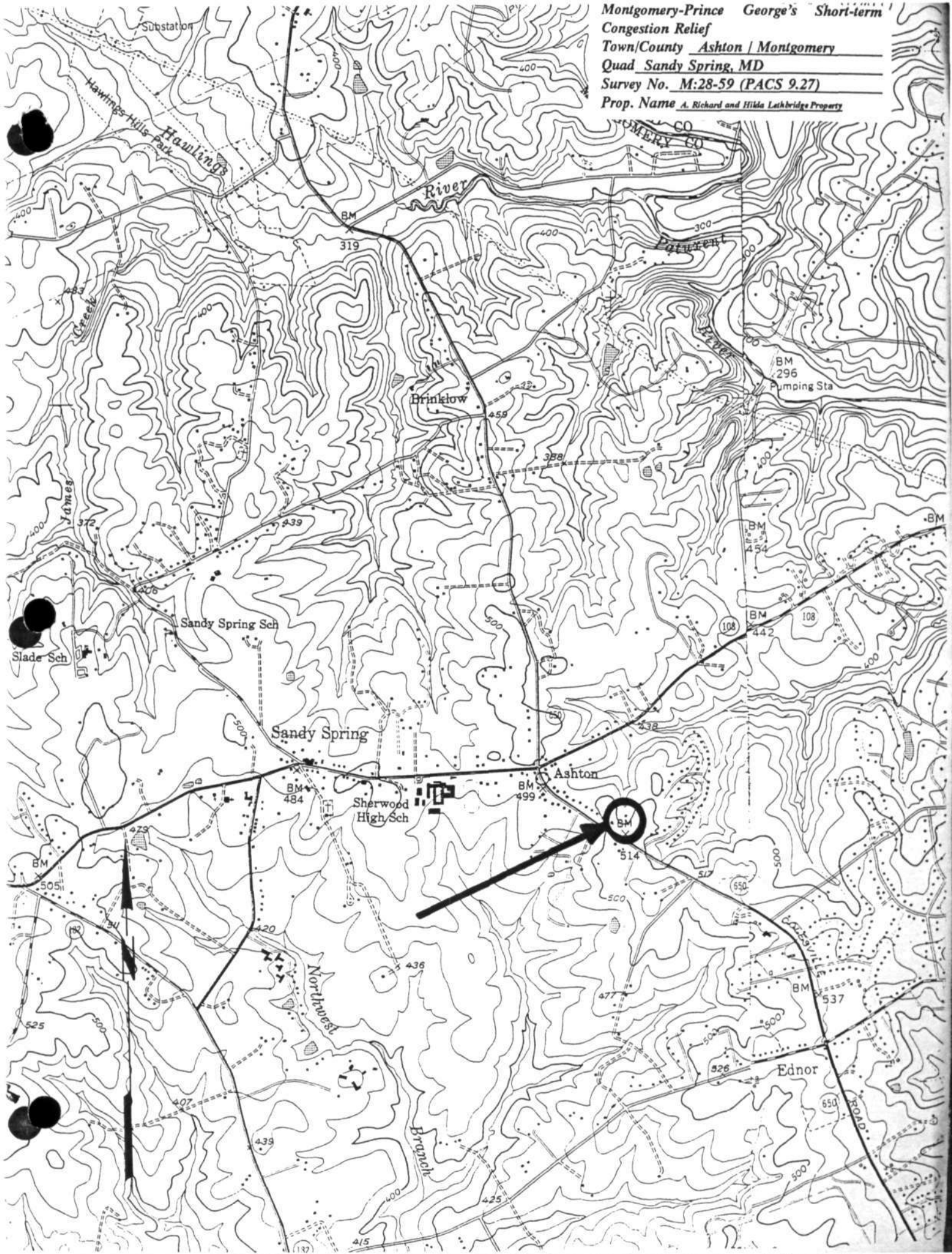
Private Residence and Commercial

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

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A. RICHARD + HILDA LETHBRIDGE PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

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MARYLAND SHPO

HOUSE + KENNEL, FRONT ELEVATION

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A. RICHARD + HILDA LETHBRIDGE PROPERTY
MONTGOMERY Co, MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

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MARYLAND SHPO

HOUSE, NORTH WEST CORNER

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TIM TAMBURRINO

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MARYLAND SHPO

HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION

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MARYLAND SHPO

HOUSE, NORTHEAST CORNER

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MARYLAND SHPO

HOUSE, EAST ELEVATION

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MARYLAND SHPO

HOUSE, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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MARYLAND SHPO

SHED, VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST

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MARYLAND SHPO

GARAGE / OUT BUILDING, VIEW FROM NORTHWEST
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MARYLAND SHPO

GARAGE / OUTBUILDING, VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST

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MARYLAND SHPO

KENNEL BUILDING, VIEW FROM EAST

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KENNEL BUILDING, VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST

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MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTHWEST CORNER, HOUSE

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MARYLAND SHPO

FRONT ELEVATION, MAIN BUILDING

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MARYLAND SHPO

NORTHWEST CORNER

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NORTH ELEVATION
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MARYLAND SHPO

NORTHEAST CORNER

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MARYLAND SHPO

OUTBUILDINGS (GARAGE, SHED) VIEW FROM SOUTH

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MARYLAND SHPO

REAR ELEVATION

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MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTHEAST CORNER

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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MARYLAND SHPO
SOUTHWEST CORNER

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MARYLAND SHPO

OUTBUILDINGS (GARAGE, SHED) VIEW FROM NORTHEAST.

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